MARKED-UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN PARAGRAPH (PAGE 18, LINE 5)

The rate of degradation is best controlled by the selection of the chemical moiety in the degradation control region, DCR. If degradation is not desired, a DCR can be selected to prevent biodegradation or the material can be created without a DCR. However, if degradation is desired, a hydrolytically or enzymatically degradable DCR can be selected. Examples of hydrolytically degradable moieties include saturated di-acids, unsaturated di-acids, poly(glycolic acid), poly(DL-lactic acid), poly(L-lactic acid),poly(ξ-caprolactone), poly(δ_valerolactone),poly(γ-butyrolactone), poly(amino acids),poly(anhydrides), poly(orthoesters), poly(orthocarbonates), and poly(phosphoesters). Examples of enzymatically degradable DCR's include <u>SEQ ID NO 1</u> Leu-Gly-Pro-Ala (collagenase sensitive linkage) and Gly-Pro-Lys (plasmin sensitive linkage). It should also be appreciated that the DCR could contain combinations of degradable groups, e.g. poly(glycolic acid) and di-acid.

Please amend claim 7 as indicated in the accompanying clean and marked-up versions:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 7

7 (Once Amended). A material according to claim 6 wherein the enzymatically degradable moiety includes SEQ ID NO 1 Leu_Glyc_Pro_Ala (collagenes sensitive linkage) or Gly_Pro_Lys (plasmin sensitive linkage).
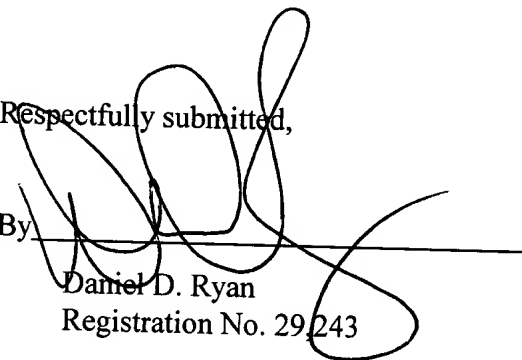
MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 7

7 (Once Amended). A material according to claim 6 wherein the enzymatically degradable moiety includes SEQ ID NO 1 Leu_Glyc_Pro_Ala (collagenes sensitive linkage) or Gly_Pro_Lys (plasmin sensitive linkage).

REMARKS

The Specification and claim 7 have been amended to refer to SEQ ID NO 1. Applicant also hereby submits a computer copy of the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO. 1 and a paper copy of the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO. 1. Applicant certifies that the computer copy and the paper copy are the same.

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